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Changes to the DME Index/Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule

Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 1999, Wisconsin Medicaid is adding new HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes, deleting several HCPCS codes, and changing descriptions and life expectancy for some durable medical equipment (DME). These changes will affect coverage, policies, and limitations for DME.

This Update applies to fee-for-service Medicaid providers only. If you are a Medicaid managed care provider, contact your managed care organization (MCO) for more information about their billing procedures. Coverage is the same for Medicaid recipients in both fee-for-service and Medicaid managed care programs.

Attachment 1

Attachment 1 of this Update lists the changes to the DME Index/Maximum Allowable Fee (MAF) Schedule. All abbreviations and column headings correspond to those listed in the current Medicaid DME Index (pages 2-4).

How to obtain the DME Index

The revised DME Index will be available by August 15, 1999, on Wisconsin Medicaid's web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid.

The DME Index will also be available on the Medicaid fiscal agent's bulletin board, EDS-EPIX. You may access EDS-EPIX using a

personal computer, modem, and a communications software package. Refer to Appendix 11 of Part A, the all-provider handbook, for downloading instructions.

You may also purchase copies of the updated DME Index from the fiscal agent. Updated copies will be available by August 15 on paper, tape cartridge, magnetic tape, microfiche, or diskette. Refer to Appendix 38 of Part A for ordering instructions.

Additions to DME Index HCPCS code list

The following HCPCS codes have been added to the DME Index:

- L1690—Combination, bilateral, lumbo-sacral, hip, femur orthosis providing adduction and internal rotation control.
- L1847—Knee orthosis (KO); double upright with adjustable joint, with inflatable air support chamber(s).
- L3675—Shoulder orthosis (SO); vest type abduction restrainer, canvas webbing type, or equal.
- L5968—All lower extremity prosthesis; ankle, multiaxial shock absorbing system.
- L5975—All lower extremity prosthesis; combination single-axis ankle and flexible keel foot.

- L5988—All lower extremity prosthesis, combination vertical shock and multiaxial rotation/torsional force reducing pylon.
- L6693—Upper extremity additions; external locking elbow, forearm counterbalance.
- L8015—External breast prosthesis garment, with mastectomy form, post mastectomy.
- L8195—Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 30-40 mmhg, each.

Life expectancy changes

The life expectancy for the following DME codes has been modified to indicate a standard allowance of one pair per year, as medically necessary:

- L3215—Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; oxford.
- L3216—Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; depth inlay.
- L3217—Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; hightop, depth inlay.
- L3218—Orthopedic footwear, ladies surgical boot; each.
- L3219—Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes; oxford.
- L3221—Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes; depth inlay.
- L3222—Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes; hightop, depth inlay.
- L3223—Orthopedic footwear, mens surgical boot, each.
- L3224—Orthopedic footwear, woman's shoe, oxford, used as an integral part of brace (orthosis).
- L3225—Orthopedic footwear, man's shoe, oxford, used as an integral part of brace (orthosis).
- L3230—Orthopedic footwear, custom shoes, depth inlay.

- L3250—Orthopedic footwear, custom molded shoe, removable inner mold, prosthetic shoe, each.
- L3251—Foot, shoe molded to patient model; silicone shoe, each.
- L3252—Foot, shoe molded to patient model; plastazote (or similar) custom fabricated, each.
- L3253—Foot, molded shoe, plastazote (or similar) custom fitted, each.
- L3254—Non-standard size or width.
- L3255—Non-standard size or length.
- L3257—Orthopedic footwear, additional charge for split size.
- L3260—Ambulatory surgical boot, each.

Description changes of HCPCS codes on the DME Index

The descriptions for the following codes have been changed:

- L8100—Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 18-30 mmhg, each.
- L8110—Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 30-40 mmhg, each.
- L8120—Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 40-50 mmhg, each.
- L8130—Gradient compression stocking; thigh length, 18-30 mmhg, each.
- L8140—Gradient compression stocking; thigh length, 30-40 mmhg, each.
- L8150—Gradient compression stocking; thigh length, 40-50 mmhg, each.
- L8160—Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 18-30 mmhg, each.
- L8170—Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 30-40 mmhg, each.
- L8180—Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 40-50 mmhg, each.
- L8190—Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 18-30 mmhg, each.

- L8200—Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 40-50 mmhg, each.

Deletion of HCPCS codes from the DME Index

The following codes have been deleted from the DME Index:

- L4310—Multi-podus or equal orthotic preparatory management system for lower extremities. The replacement code is L4396.
- L4320—Addition to AFO, multi-podus (or equal) orthotic preparatory management system for lower extremities, flexible foot positioner with soft interface for AFO, with velcro closure. The replacement code is L4396.
- L4390—Replace soft interface material, multi-podus type splint. The replacement code is L4392.

The Wisconsin Medicaid Update is the first source for provider information including Medicaid policy and billing information.

Wisconsin Medicaid is administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For provider questions, call the Medicaid fiscal agent at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our web site at: www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid.

Attachment 1

1999 DME HCPCS Update

Action	Procedure Code	TOS	Description	Allowed Provider Types	POS	PAC	Max Fee	PA Req.	Bilateral	Life Expectancy	NH Reimb	Copay	Comments/Policy	Replacement Codes
Add	L1690	P	Combination, bilateral, lumbo-sacral, hip, femur orthosis providing adduction and internal rotation control	24 26 34 35 38 44 54 58 65	0 3 4 7 8	170	\$1,455.63	Y	N	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L1847	P	Knee orthosis (KO); double upright with adjustable joint, with inflatable air support chamber(s)	24 26 34 35 38 44 54 58 65	0 3 4 7 8	170	\$432.96	N	Y	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L3675	P	Shoulder orthosis (SO); vest type abduction restrainer, canvas webbing type, or equal	24 26 34 35 38 44 54 58 65	0 3 4 7 8	170	\$120.23	N	N	6 months	R	\$3.00		
Add	L5968	P	All lower extremity prosthesis; ankle, multiaxial shock absorbing system	24 26 44 54 58	3 4 7 8	170	\$2,740.76	Y	Y	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L5975	P	All lower extremity prosthesis; combination single axis ankle and flexible keel foot	24 26 44 54 58	3 4 7 8	170	\$349.65	Y	Y	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L5988	P	All lower extremity prosthesis, combination vertical shock and multiaxial rotation/torsional force reducing pylon	24 26 44 54 58	3 4 7 8	170	\$1,506.70	Y	Y	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L6693	P	Upper extremity additions; external locking elbow, forearm counterbalance	24 26 44 54 58	3 4 7 8	170	\$2,141.24	Y	Y	2 yrs	R	\$3.00		
Add	L8015	P	External breast prosthesis garment, with mastectomy form, post mastectomy	24 26 44 54 58	3 4 7 8	170	\$42.78	Y	N	2 per year	R	\$2.00		
Add	L8195	P	Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 30-40 mmhg, each	24 26 34 38 44 54 58	0 3 4 7 8	170	\$81.33	N	N	6 per year		\$3.00		

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Change	L3215	P	Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; oxford							1 pair per year				
Change	L3216	P	Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; depth inlay							1 pair per year				
Change	L3217	P	Orthopedic footwear, ladies shoes; hightop, depth inlay							1 pair per year				
Change	L3218	P	Orthopedic footwear, ladies surgical boot; each							1 per year				
Change	L3219	P	Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes; oxford							1 pair per year				
Change	L3221	P	Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes; depth inlay							1 pair per year				
Change	L3222	P	Orthopedic footwear, mens shoes, hightop, depth inlay							1 pair per year				
Change	L3223	P	Orthopedic footwear, mens surgical boot, each							1 per year				
Change	L3224	P	Orthopedic footwear, woman's shoe, oxford, used as an integral part of a brace (orthosis)							1 per year				
Change	L3225	P	Orthopedic footwear, man's shoe, oxford used as an integral part of brace (orthosis)							1 per year				
Change	L3230	P	Orthopedic footwear, custom shoes, depth inlay							1 pair per year				

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Change	L3250	P	Orthopedic footwear, custom molded shoe, removable inner mold, prosthetic shoe, each							1 per year				
Change	L3251	P	Foot, shoe molded to patient model; silicone shoe, each							1 per year				
Change	L3252	P	Foot, shoe molded to patient model; plastazote (or similar) custom fabricated, each							1 per year				
Change	L3253	P	Foot, molded shoe, plastazote (or similar), custom fitted, each							1 per year				
Change	L3254	P	Non-standard size or width							1 per year				
Change	L3255	P	Non-standard size or length							1 per year				
Change	L3257	P	Orthopedic footwear, additional charge for split size							1 per year				
Change	L3260	P	Ambulatory surgical boot, each							1 per year				
Change	L8100	P	Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 18-30 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8110	P	Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 30-40 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8120	P	Gradient compression stocking; below knee, 40-50 mmhg, each										Description change	

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Change	L8130	P	Gradient compression stocking thigh length, 18-30 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8140	P	Gradient compression stocking thigh length, 30-40 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8150	P	Gradient compression stocking thigh length, 40-50 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8160	P	Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 18-30 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8170	P	Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 30-40 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8180	P	Gradient compression stocking; full length/chap style, 40-50 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8190	P	Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 18-30 mmhg, each										Description change	
Change	L8200	P	Gradient compression stocking; waist length, 40-50 mmhg, each										Description change	
Delete	L4310	P	Multi-podus or equal orthotic preparatory management systems for lower extremities											L4396
Delete	L4320	P	Addition to AFO, multi-podus (or equal) orthotic preparatory management system for lower extremities, flexible foot positioner with soft interface for AFO, with velcro closure											L4396
Delete	L4390	P	Replace soft interface material, multi-podus type splint											L4392



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